

EXPECTS ACTION ON CUBA

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SENTIMENT IN CONGRESS

It is Pretty Evenly Divided as to the Course to be Pursued—Radical Sympathizers Say the Resolution Will be Revived if Mr. Cleveland Fails to Take Cognizance of It.

A careful survey of the House of Representatives shows a complete cessation of excitement over the Cuban situation. The sympathy of the members is still obviously with the insurgents, but some unexpected circumstances will be necessary to rouse them to action again.

The most general expression of opinion on both sides of the chamber is that Congress had done its duty in adopting by an overwhelming vote the resolutions declaring that the insurgents were entitled to belligerent rights. Having done this, and the matter now being in the hands of the President, it is deemed better to leave it there.

It was not doubted, however, that if a joint resolution came before the House it would pass through by a majority much less than that which was given to the Senate resolutions a week ago. It is also believed by members who would oppose such a measure that it could be carried through the House over the President's veto.

There is one gentleman, however, who does not agree with his associates as to the President's probable action. This is Mr. Hitt of Illinois, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, whose prominence in the several Cuban debates gives to his utterances an especial significance.

Mr. Hitt regards the President's recent declaration as a reasonable time issue a proclamation, recognizing the belligerency of the Cubans. He does not have this upon any information, but he received, nor does he care to predict when the President might take such action. The steadily approaching rainy season, ending active campaigning in a few months, makes that time a bit limit, and the last one for waiting.

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Mr. Hitt referred to the enormous majorities with which the first resolutions passed the House, and said that after a month, when every member had had an opportunity to hear from his constituents, the resolutions again passed the House by practically the same majority.

He believes that if the President has reasons and facts fatal to the spirit of the resolutions he would have communicated them to Congress during this month of internal wrangling and self-purging. The President, he said, in conclusion, is a wise and prudent man and the mere fact that the resolutions were not revived is evidence that he has given them serious consideration. He does not think it likely that Congress will act further in the matter if the President allows it to remain in abeyance.

Mr. William Smith of Michigan, another Republican member of the committee, remarked as he did every other Representative who was spoken with, that he had no knowledge as to the President's intention. Mr. Smith believes, however, that Congress should pass a joint resolution if the President does not act.

THE JUDICIAL EFFECT OF DELIBERATION IN THIS body was manifested in the debate on the conference report. Originally the Senate resolutions passed with an adverse vote of but six, and yet when the conference report was sent back to the committee we had at least thirty-four Senators who stood ready to vote against that report, and I believe that after a little further discussion we would have been in a test vote.

Other Senators who declined to be quoted spoke freely in private upon the subject, and the consensus of opinion gathered from Senators representing both sides

ALABAMA ELECTION CLOSE

Johnston, Silvarite, Is Probably Nominated For Governor.

Successor to Senator Pugh, on the Other Hand, Is Likely to Be a Sound Money Man.

Montgomery, Ala., April 12.—The result of the primary election for governor yesterday, is close and the victory is claimed by both sides.

There have been decided changes both ways from the Oates-Johnston campaign of two years ago. For instance Johnston, the first silver candidate, has carried this county, while Clarke, the sound money champion, has carried Johnston's home county of Jefferson.

From the news received by the Advertiser, from nearly every county in the State, the indications are very strong that Clarke has been nominated. He himself is confident, while his friends are standing firm. The Johnston men, on the other hand, are claiming everything, and are making a great noise.

Nevertheless his newspaper champion, the Birmingham State Herald, did not this morning, print the returns from a single box in the State, or county. It was referred over to the fact that there had been a primary in Jefferson county. The Clarke men construe this as clear proof that the Johnston claims are mere boasting of goss.

The county conventions met on Wednesday, the 15th, and it will be impossible to determine the result until after their action. The loss of his home county is expected by the Clarke men to have a marked effect on a number of these county conventions.

Two years ago Capt. Johnston continued to claim that he was nominated until the final count in the State convention, and it is likely that he will do so this year again. The State convention will meet on the 21st instant.

A number of counties that have probably gone for Johnston on the score of availability as a State candidate, have apparently nominated sound money candidates for the assembly, and will also probably send sound money delegations to the State convention.

Hence, the prospect is very bright for a final major victory for the national convention and also for a sound money Senator to succeed Mr. Pugh.

NO DOUBT OF JOHNSTON'S ELECTION.

Atlanta, Ga., April 12.—Specials to the Constitution say there is no dispute about Johnston's election in Alabama. Returns show that he has 374 votes in the State convention out of 524.

HONORED THE JAY MARSHAL.

Count Yamagata Banqueted by Gov. Morton's Staff.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 12.—Count Yamagata, the field marshal of the Japanese army, who is passing through this country on his way to St. Petersburg where he is to receive the Order of the Holy Spirit, was here today for the first time.

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